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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Richard LEVY) Group Art Unit: 1714
Serial No.: 09/779,588) Examiner: M. Medley
Filed: February 9, 2001)
For: SUPERABSORBENT POLYMER-)
LUBRICANT COMPOSITIONS ON)
SUBSTRATE)

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 & 1.193(b)(2)

Applicants respond to the March 28, 2002 Office Action as follows and extend the time for response by two months with the petition for extension of time and the extension fee filed with this amendment.

Summary Of Prosecution

The Examiner finally rejected the application on October 23, 2001. Applicant filed a Notice of Appeal on October 31, 2001 and a Brief on Appeal on November 29, 2001.

Rather than submitting an Examiner's Answer, the Examiner issued an Office Action on March 28, 2002 withdrawing the final rejection of October 23, and rejected the claims on new grounds, and reasserted some of the previous grounds for rejecting the application.

Applicants therefore submit this response pursuant to 37

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C.F.R. § 1.193(b)(2)(i) which sanctions a reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 where the Examiner, in asserting new grounds of rejection, did not make the rejection final.

Accordingly, applicant amends the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

57. (Amended Once) A coating formed on the surface of a substrate, said coating comprising a superabsorbent polymer further comprising a lubricant wherein said lubricant is a solid organic lubricant, a solid inorganic lubricant, water containing a lubricant additive, a phosphate, petroleum oil grease, wax, a synthetic oil lubricant selected from silicones, polyphenyl ethers, silicates, chlorinated aromatics, fluorochemicals and polyglycol lubricants or greases thereof, wherein said lubricants optionally containing a lubricant additive.

68. (Amended Once) The coating of claim 67 wherein said coating comprises a product produced by the process of combining said superabsorbent polymer, said lubricant and said binder, and said viscosity modifying agent when present.

Please add the following claims:

69. (New) A substantially anhydrous coating on at least one surface of two surfaces that frictionally engage one another, said coating comprising a superabsorbent polymer further comprising a lubricant wherein said lubricant is a solid inorganic compound, a solid organic compound, a phosphate, a petroleum oil, petroleum oil

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